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CHIANG'S INTERVENTION

Calms Turbulent Assembly Debate

Russia Lifts Road Block

Vienna, Apr. 17.
Russia today lifted the road barrier to the British-controlled Schwechat Airport, near here—either temporarily or permanently is not known. Passengers going to the airport were surprised when a Russian sentry raised the barrier on the airport road and allowed a convoy of four vehicles carrying military personnel on board to pass without halting. This sudden relaxation of restrictions came only a few hours after the British European Airways plane, which was delayed 24 hours, took off for London.—Reuter.

Van Heutsz Hostage Released

One of the six hostages, kidnapped off the 4,500-ton Dutch liner, "Van Heutsz," by pirates on December 14-15 last at Chiling Point has been released and safely returned to Hong Kong, according to an unconfirmed report in the New Life Evening News yesterday. The vernacular evening paper said that the release of Mr. Tan Kit-cheung, son of the Singapore millionaire, Tan Kah-kee, was secured after the payment of HK\$150,000 ransom money. The police told this "China Mail" last night that they knew nothing about the reported release of Mr. Tan Kit-cheung who with five other first class passengers were kidnapped by 25 pirates. The pirates seized control of the Dutch liner when the ship was about 80 miles from Hong Kong.

President Elected Today

Nanking, Apr. 18.

The National Assembly tomorrow will elect the first President of the Chinese Republic under the new constitution. At least 2,500 delegates are expected to cast their votes in the balloting which will determine who will head the Chinese Government for the next six years.

On the eve of the election all observers agreed that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek would almost be unanimously elected. The only candidate opposing the Generalissimo is Chu Cheng, President of the Judicial Yuan, who said himself when announcing his candidacy that he was "only running to keep the Generalissimo company." As late as last night some observers thought the Generalissimo might still make a final attempt to persuade the Assembly to elect a non-partisan to replace him in the Presidency—a proposal which the earlier made to the Kuomintang in vain—but when the Generalissimo said through this morning's Assembly session in silence that he was conceding that nothing could now prevent his election as President.

Not Kuomintang Candidate

Chiang is not running as a Kuomintang candidate since, in accordance with a resolution the Generalissimo proposed and had been accepted by the Kuomintang, the party is leaving the matter entirely in the hands of the National Assembly and not nominating either the Presidential or Vice-Presidential candidates. The Generalissimo, therefore, has been nominated by the National Assembly.

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Sweeping Powers Given President

Nanking, Apr. 18.

President Chiang Kai-shek's personal appearance in the National Assembly Hall yesterday afternoon averted possible violence in consequence of the most turbulent debate ever witnessed since the Assembly opened three weeks ago. A few minutes before the Generalissimo's entry, delegates engaged in discussing constitutional amendments had started a free-for-all following the speech of a Kuomintang delegate in which he declared that, in considering the amendments, "no one should blindly follow any one."

This immediately was taken by the Young China Party and the Social Democrat delegates as an insult to them and they rushed forward in an attempt to drag him bodily off the rostrum. Others mounted the rostrum and stood on either side of the delegate to "protect his freedom of speech." The remaining delegates, likewise, split with many shaking fists and exchanging insults. The Generalissimo's dramatic entry produced a momentary quiet in the Assembly hall. He sat in the background on the platform and waited until the Chairman, Mr. Lin Pin, a member of the Executive Yuan, was able, by his personal influence, to have a vote taken on the issue in question.

Then the Generalissimo stepped forward and briefly made what he called a post-session address. "Now that the Chairman has just adjourned the meeting," he said, "I wish to speak to you as a citizen of this country. All of you, my delegates chosen by the people, must observe order and make this Assembly an everlastingly good example for all time to come."

"From what has just occurred here, I feel very pessimistic about the future of democracy in China. It is up to you to make this Assembly a success instead of leaving a blemish on record to be remembered by

people both at home and abroad.

"As one of the people myself, I request you to observe order and discipline, and not repeat today's action in future sessions."

The issue concerning constitutional amendments was fought between a small Kuomintang group who favoured it and the Social Democratic and Young China parties, who opposed it, but outnumbered them in a complete reversal of the original situation. This followed President Chiang's personal intervention earlier in the afternoon, when he summoned all Kuomintang delegates for a briefing session at the Ministry of Defence headquarters and told them bluntly that if they insisted on revising the constitution, he would not accept the Presidency.

"If you want me to be President, first you must follow my decision as head of the Kuomintang," he said.

The Generalissimo's action, following a continuous two-day debate, with both sides standing pat on the issue and attempting to bar a vote-taking every time, an attempt was made by the Chairman.

Compromise Formula

According to President Chiang's compromise formula, excepting the emergency powers to be conferred upon the new President, all proposed amendments to the constitution shall be dropped until a provisional session of the National Assembly to be called by the President not later than December 25, 1950.

While most of the Kuomintang members promised to accept this formula, it was written into a new proposal which was acceptable to both the minor parties. At the same time, those Kuomintang members who had yielded to the President's pressure failed to appear at yesterday afternoon's session, leaving only a handful of others to fight the last battle.

A vote taken showed that, out of 263 present on the sub-commission, 190 accepted the new proposal.—Reuter-AAP.

Nanking Students Demonstrate

Nanking, Apr. 18.

Four hundred university students staged a demonstration against Anhwei Governor Li Pin-shin outside the National Assembly today and tried to force their way into the Assembly hall. Military and civil police barred their way. The students claimed that one of their number suffered head injuries but observers on the scene saw no violence other than pushing by the police as the students tried to force their way through the cordons.

The students carried banners and shouted slogans setting forth three principal demands:

(1) The government remove Li Pin-shin as present Governor of Anhwei because of his "corrupt and dictatorial methods."

(2) The government to send more troops to clear the Communists out of Anhwei.

(3) A relief fund to be established for Anhwei war refugees and war refugee students.

The students shouted "Down with Li Pin-shin" as they tried to break through the police cordons.

Mr. Chung-shin, Assembly delegate and former Governor of Anhwei, addressed the demonstrators and succeeded in calming them when he promised to bring the matter up in the National Assembly.

Supporters of Gen. Li Tsing-jen claimed that the demonstration today was engineered by persons seeking to embarrass Li's vice-presidential campaign since he is known to be a close friend of Li Pin-shin.—United Press.

PICTURE OF THE DAY

Garter Banner



The Senior Herald Painter of the College of Arms Working on the Garter Banner for Princess Elizabeth, which is to be installed at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, for the ceremony of installation next Friday. The Banner is the Royal Arms differed with two St. George's Crosses and a Tudor Rose centre on a white label. (AP Photo).

RUSSIANS CEASE CONFISCATIONS

Berlin, Apr. 18.

The Soviet Military Administration today ordered an end to socialisation of industry in the Russian occupation zone of Germany.

A special decree by Marshal Vassily Sokolovsky, Soviet Military Governor, put an end to confiscation of properties of big industrialists, Nazi and war criminals. This had been going on in the Russian zone since October, 1945. In this period, it was announced officially, such confiscations had brought under

public ownership eight percent of the industry in the Soviet zone, accounting for 40 percent of its industrial production.

Sokolovsky's Order

Sokolovsky's order was published in the official newspaper "Taegliche Rundschau" and in the "Neues Deutschland" organ of the Soviet-approved Communist-controlled Socialist Unity Party.

In an accompanying editorial, "Taegliche Rundschau" said the decree proved that "private industry survives" and that "only evil and hostile propaganda can contend that private initiative is oppressed in the Soviet zone."

The Socialist Unity Party paper emphasised that "only eight percent" of industry in the Russian zone fell under the sequestration process and "92 percent remains as before in private ownership."

This unusual emphasis seemed intended to counteract the claim on non-Communist Germans that the Russian zone is being Sovietised entirely.

Sokolovsky said his decree was issued because he had been assured by the German Economic Commission of the Soviet zone that the power of "war criminals, Nazis and monopolists" had been broken in Eastern Germany.

"Made Incontestable"

His order included the assertion that public ownership of properties which had been socialised is "made incontestable."

He also ordered that industries which have been "confiscated" without sufficient grounds (that is, if their former owners have not been proved "monopolists and other war or Nazi criminals") should be restored by April 30.

Among "monopolists" dispossessed, the Soviet-controlled press listed the late Nazi war criminal, Hermann Wilhelm Goering.

"Taegliche Rundschau" said the sequestration process was "proof of the qualitative difference between the Russian occupation zone and the Western zones occupied by Imperialist Anglo-Americans."

"In the Western zones," it said, "monopoly is nurtured. The economic and political position of monopolists is increased through exploitation of the people."

"On the contrary, the Soviet occupation zone took the industries and power of monopolists and magnates of finance and industry and placed them in the hands of the people."—Associated Press.

JAP. VICE-MINISTER ARRESTED FOR GRAFT

Tokyo, Apr. 18.

The Japanese police arrested Vice-Minister of Transportation Shigefuro Ito on graft charges today.

LUZON PLANE CRASH

No Aircraft Missing; No Wreckage Found

Manila, Apr. 18.

A large unidentified plane is reported to have crashed in the sea off the northeast tip of the Philippines late yesterday, according to a message radioed by the U.S.A.T. General Mitchell.

The message, intercepted by Globe Wireless, said witnesses saw the plane trail smoke and crash. It said the Mitchell searched the area two hours after the crash without finding a trace of personnel or wreckage.

Commercial Airlines' office in Manila said no airliner was overdue. U.S. Army and Navy officials at Sangley Point and Clark Field bases reported no planes missing.

A Clark Field aerodrome officer, Lt. Frank Davis, said a B-17 search plane would be sent to the area today. The Mitchell gave the position as Lat 18.16 N. Long 124.48 E., which is about two degrees east of Cagayan, northernmost Luzon province.

B-17 Finds No Trace

Manila, Apr. 18.

A United States B-17 rescue plane found no trace of a large plane reported by the Navy to have crashed in the Philippine Sea after trailing smoke.

A searcross search was made over a wide area northeast of Guam from dawn until mid-day by the specially equipped rescue plane.

No military or civilian aircraft were reported overdue, Clark Operations reported.—Associated Press.

Royal Silver Wedding

London, Apr. 18.

Londoners saw a colourful preview of the forthcoming Royal Silver Wedding State drive in the bright sunshine early this morning.

A full dress rehearsal of the Royal carriage drive was staged, starting from Buckingham Palace, when a police motor cyclist preceded four State carriages, pulled by spirited horses moving briskly along the almost deserted city streets.

A Sovereign's escort of the Household Cavalry, in full dress, made a gay and brilliant show, with tossing plumes and shining breast-plates.—Reuter.

Britain, US With Siam

"Unhappy"

Bangkok, Apr. 17.

Foreign relations, rather than domestic problems, will decide the fate of Siam's new government, headed by Pibul Songkram, according to competent political observers here. Ten days after last week's Cabinet crisis in Bangkok the wartime leader, Songkram, today sat firm in the saddle of Siamese politics, but foreign diplomatic quarters were undecided regarding their attitude towards the latest Songkram coup.

While there has been no official confirmation of the reports that Britain, the United States and other countries will withdraw recognition of the Siamese Government, diplomatic observers here conceded that Britain and United States were "unhappy" over the situation.

Pibul Songkram told foreign correspondents last week that he hoped to get the great powers to recognise his government and he relied on the goodwill of the world towards Siam.

Events of the last ten days have belied the rumours of proposed anti-Songkram demonstrations and the possibility of a major upheaval. Today Siamese papers forecast "an overwhelming majority" vote of confidence for the Songkram government at the joint session of Parliament on Wednesday, April 21.

Bangkok's banking and business circles showed little reaction towards the political crisis. The foreign exchange value of the

tical remained comparatively steady, with gold and commodities showing a slight decrease over the last few days.

The Siamese Labour Union—a new political organisation—was established here today under the patronage of Premier Pibul Songkram.

A party spokesman told Reuter that the newly-formed labour union will formulate its policy and programme on the pattern of the British Labour Party.

It will follow Socialist ideals, "adapted to Siam's peculiar situation" and will promote the welfare of the Siamese peasantry and working classes.

The new party is sponsored by Songkram's followers and is supported by other industrial groups. It is expected to make a strong bid for political power in Siam.

At present, Siam has four major political parties professing almost identical aims but rallying round individual leaders.—Reuter.

Train Crash Victim Dies

Grew, Cheshire, Apr. 17.

Another victim of the Glasgow-London train crash died during the day, bringing the casualties to 23 dead and 27 injured.—Reuter.

World Watches Italian Elections

Rome, Apr. 18.

Italy opened her polls today for an election watched throughout the world as a contest over Communism.

In mild, misty weather holding a threat of rain, 41,647 heavily guarded polling places opened at 8 a.m.

The final communiqué from the Interior Ministry said, the revised total of Italians qualified to vote in this most fateful elections of the post-war period is 29,098,895.

The voters will choose the first Parliament of the two-year-old Italian Republic. Its composition will determine the make-up of the new Government.

A Communist-dominated Popular Front has campaigned vigorously to push out the current middle-of-the-road Coalition Government headed by the Christian Democrats.

Thousands of voters got up at dawn to exercise their electoral right. A daybreak check of Rome's polling places showed many voters arrived with the first light.

Police Carry Rifles

By poll opening time, 50 to 100 stood in line at many places—watched by police carrying rifles and tommyguns to insure that voting would be orderly.

Polls will be open until 10 o'clock tonight and again from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. tomorrow, as the voters settle their issue of Democracy versus Communism for the nation.

In less than one hour this morning 200 persons had voted at one polling place. At another, 10 nuns were first in line; at still another six priests.

The Roman Catholic clergy, from the Pope on down have urged votes against Communism.

Each polling place had two policemen on duty inside. Police and flame guards, varying in number from two to 10, depending on the size of the crowd and quarter of the city, kept order outside.

In addition, police riot squads and jeeps of finance guards detailed to electoral duty were on street patrol.

Many voters had stayed up all night, talking, arguing and thinking.

All of the nation's mobilised forces—30,000 troops and police

Heavy Polling

Rome, Apr. 18.

The chief of the national electoral office, Angelo Pincenti, announced at 1.30 p.m. that reports from 85 of the nation's 98 provinces showed that in every case more voters turned out than the early hours in 1946 when 89.1 per cent of the eligible vote was cast.

Former Premier Ivanoe Bonomi said if the trend continued the vote would equal or pass the 90 per cent eligible.

Many aged and infirm, accompanied by nurses, took advantage of sunny skies to go to the polls. Numerous precinct officials in Milan reported that the early turnout was so heavy that eligibles would likely be voted by 10 p.m., eliminating the need to report the polls as scheduled at 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday.—United Press.

Communists Capture Missionaries

Peking, Apr. 18.

Missionary quarters reported today that the Communists captured six Canadian priests and five Canadian nuns of the Szechingkai diocese.

The missionaries apparently were taken during the recent Red action in that important rail centre. The Catholic headquarters said, may have been removed to Harbin.

The priests were connected with the Foreign Missions of Pontivaul and Montreal while the nuns belonged to the Congregation of the Immaculate Conception of Pontivaul.—United Press.

The Weather

Pressure remains high over Japan but has fallen over Central China and Manchuria. A trough extends from south East across London, due to the 11 and 12.

Today's Forecast: Moderate S or SE winds, weather cloudy, some fair periods. Tomorrow's Weather: Maximum 68.6 deg. Fahrenheit, minimum 54.4 deg. Fahrenheit.

Relative Humidity: 70 per cent. Sunshine: 2.7 hours. Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1: 97.4 mm. (3.83 in.) as against an average of 114.4 mm. (4.5 in.).

Barometer: 1014.6 mm. (29.97 in.) at 9 a.m. on April 18. Wind: S.W. at 10 m.p.h. on April 18. Wind: S.W. at 10 m.p.h. on April 18.

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day, 28th April, 1948, at 12.15
p.m., or at such time as the
Ordinary Annual Meeting of
Members to be held at the same
place at Noon shall terminate,
for the purpose of considering
and, if thought fit, passing the
following Special Resolution:—

"That the New Articles of
Association produced to the
Meeting, and for the purpose
of identification subscribed
by David Fortune Landale,
Chairman of the Company,
and of the Meeting, be
adopted as the Articles of
Association of the Company
in substitution for and to the
exclusion of all existing
Articles of Association of the
Company."

A copy of the Proposed New
Articles can be inspected by
any Shareholder at the Offices
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By Order of the Board of
Directors,
C. E. TERRY,
Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

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day, 28th April, 1948, at Noon,
to receive and consider the
Report of the Board of Directors
and Statement of Accounts for
the year ended 31st Decem-
ber, 1947, to elect Directors and
to appoint Auditors.

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Transfer Books of the Company
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG PROBATE JURISDICTION

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De Gaulle Calls For Social Reconstruction

Marseilles, Apr. 17.

General Charles de Gaulle, in his closing speech
here tonight to the first Congress of his "Rally
of the French People," called for "economic
and social reconstruction" by means of "asso-
ciation instead of, and in place of, class strug-
gle or the exploitation of man by man."

Such a relationship, aiming at output and progress,
would, he said, give "new life to trade union-
ism." It would govern apprenticeship, technical
instruction and the selection of personnel from
the bottom to the top.

General de Gaulle called for
immediate general elections,
which, he declared, would unite
France in the face of perils
from within and without, and
establish "an accord, between
the nation and the public
powers."

"If the edifice of State should
collapse once more, we shall re-
cognize only the supreme law of
the welfare of the Fatherland,"
he concluded.

Leading Gaullist officials said
the speech indicated that the
Rally of the French People, now
claiming one and a half million
members, would oppose by force,
if necessary, any attempt at a
Communist coup d'etat.

General de Gaulle dashed the
hopes of those Parliamentarians
who had been expecting his
organization to support a
middle-of-the-road Govern-
ment within the present Par-
liament.

The resolutions passed by the
Rally on foreign affairs today re-
vealed that General de Gaulle has
proposed a less rigid approach to
the German problem.

Foreign Affairs

The main resolutions of the
Congress affairs were:—

(1) That a fusion of the
French occupation zone with the
Anglo-American Bizone should
only take place if all danger of
the reconstitution of a centralized
German Reich had been removed.

(2) That a separate German
State comprising the Ruhr should
be directly administered by a
European Federation if the inter-
nationalization of the Ruhr, as
requested by France, could not
be obtained.

(3) That a Constituent As-
sembly of free European States
should be held in Paris to co-
ordinate political and military
measures of common security.

(4) France should give a more
generous welcome and offer bet-
ter security on her soil to pol-
itical refugees.—Reuter.

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the Statement of Accounts and
Balance Sheet and the
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and Auditors thereon.
2. To elect Directors.
3. To appoint Auditors and
fix their remuneration.
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1948, both days inclusive.

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Chief Manager.

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Buried In Wedding Gown

Bolton, Lancs., Apr. 17.
Fraulein Anna Liesa Berns
spent her two months in
England preparing her wed-
ding dress for her marriage
next week to a British oc-
cupation soldier, James Heid.
Messages arriving at Heid's
home in Bolton today from
Germany offered best wishes
on her marriage.

Anna did not read them.
Dressed in her wedding gown,
she was buried in Bolton
Cemetery. Doctors said their
preliminary report was she
died from the after-effects of
malnutrition incurred in Ger-
many.—United Press.

Marshall Plan Is "Insigne Torpeza"

Manila, Apr. 17.

Generalissimo Francisco Franco, in an interview
with the "Manila Chronicle" correspondent,
Vicente Arenas, at Madrid called Spain's ex-
clusion from the Marshall Plan "rank stupidity"
and said that Spain is not interested in United
Nations membership.

Franco told Arenas that the
"exclusion of Spain from the
Marshall Plan... constitutes
rank stupidity (he used the
words 'insigne torpeza') and a
monstrous act in the moral
sense. Spain has enjoyed
many years of uninterrupted
peace with countries interest-
ed in the Marshall Plan and ob-
served strict neutrality in two
wars in which the same coun-
tries were involved.

"Ironically although we received
public solemn promises, es-
teem and affection from these
countries—especially England who
made formal promises to help
during the war—we are now
denied the help which the same
countries extend so lavishly to
former enemies, the same kind
of help they have already ex-
tended to the Russian satellites
who are now public enemies and
disturbers of world peace."

Franco added:
"To love and serve the cause
of world peace a country does
not have to be a member of the
United Nations. Spain has more
right to repudiate it because from
inception 'up to now its accom-
plishments can offer Spain no
benefit or protection whatever.
Its deliberations and accords
underline the incapacity of this
organization."

Receive U.S. Decorations

Nanking, Apr. 18.
Six Chinese Lieutenant Gen-
erals responsible for supersecret
operations of the mysterious
"Tai-1" intelligence machine
were decorated today by the
United States Government.

Each of the six, who during the
war with Japan held key pos-
itions in the Sino-American co-
operative organization, received
the United States Navy Medal of
Merit in the degree of Comman-
der from the hands of Amba-
sador Dr. Leighton Stuart.

The ceremony was held at the
headquarters of the Chinese Navy
where Rear Admiral H. R. Thur-
bor, commanding the Naval
Advisory Group, and Vice Ad-
miral Kwei Yun Chin, command-
ing the Chinese Navy, read the
citations in English and Chinese
respectively.—Associated Press.

De Gaulle Rally Moves Left

Marseilles, Apr. 17.

General de Gaulle's French
People's Rally today passed a
resolution, calling for the as-
sociation of the working
classes with the management
of industry and business.

"The Rally has taken a big
step to the left," a leading official
of the organization said tonight.
Tonight's resolution, which de-
clared that "the working class
has given proof of its maturity
and of its national consciousness,"
described the existing wages sys-
tem as "a survival of an out-of-
date economic regime."

"All questions relating to
management must be treated as
between equals," the resolution
said. "The authority of the
executives must be strengthened
in the interests of the enterprise
as a whole, and the product of
the joint effort of capital and
labour must be fairly distributed."

This statement of policy was
the result of lively discussions by
a commission in which several
hundred factory workers with an
almost equal number of employ-
ers took part.—Reuter.

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a.m., 9.30 a.m., Noon, 2.30 p.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m.,
(Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Manila P.I. (Reg.) 11 a.m.,
(Ord.) 11.30 a.m.
Airmail for Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking,
Hangzhou, Tientsin and Peking; Airmail
for Luchow and Kuning, (Reg.) 3 p.m.,
(Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Tientsin; Airmail for
Swatow, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

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Brazil, 10 a.m.
U.S.A., Canada, Central and South
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for Canada), (Par. and Reg.) 11.30 a.m.,
(Ord.) Noon.
Korea, 5 p.m.
Canton (Parcels, and 2nd class mail),
5 p.m.

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(Reg.) 2.30 p.m., (Ord.) 3 p.m.; G.P.O.,
(Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Amoy and Foochow; Air-
mail for Swatow; Airmail for Shanghai,
Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking;
(Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea and Train
Macao, Tientsin and Shensi, 6 a.m.
Brazil and Guatemala, Noon.
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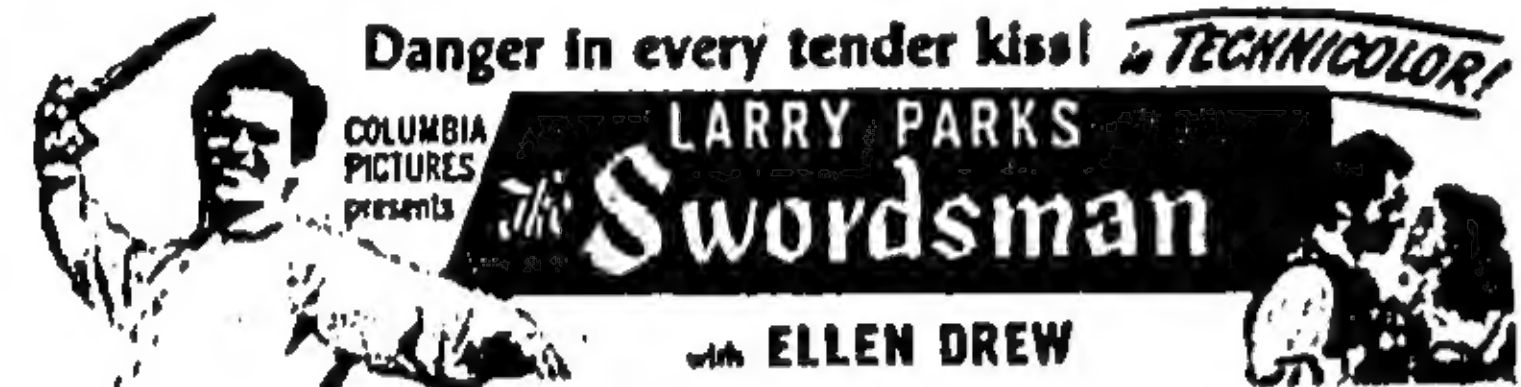
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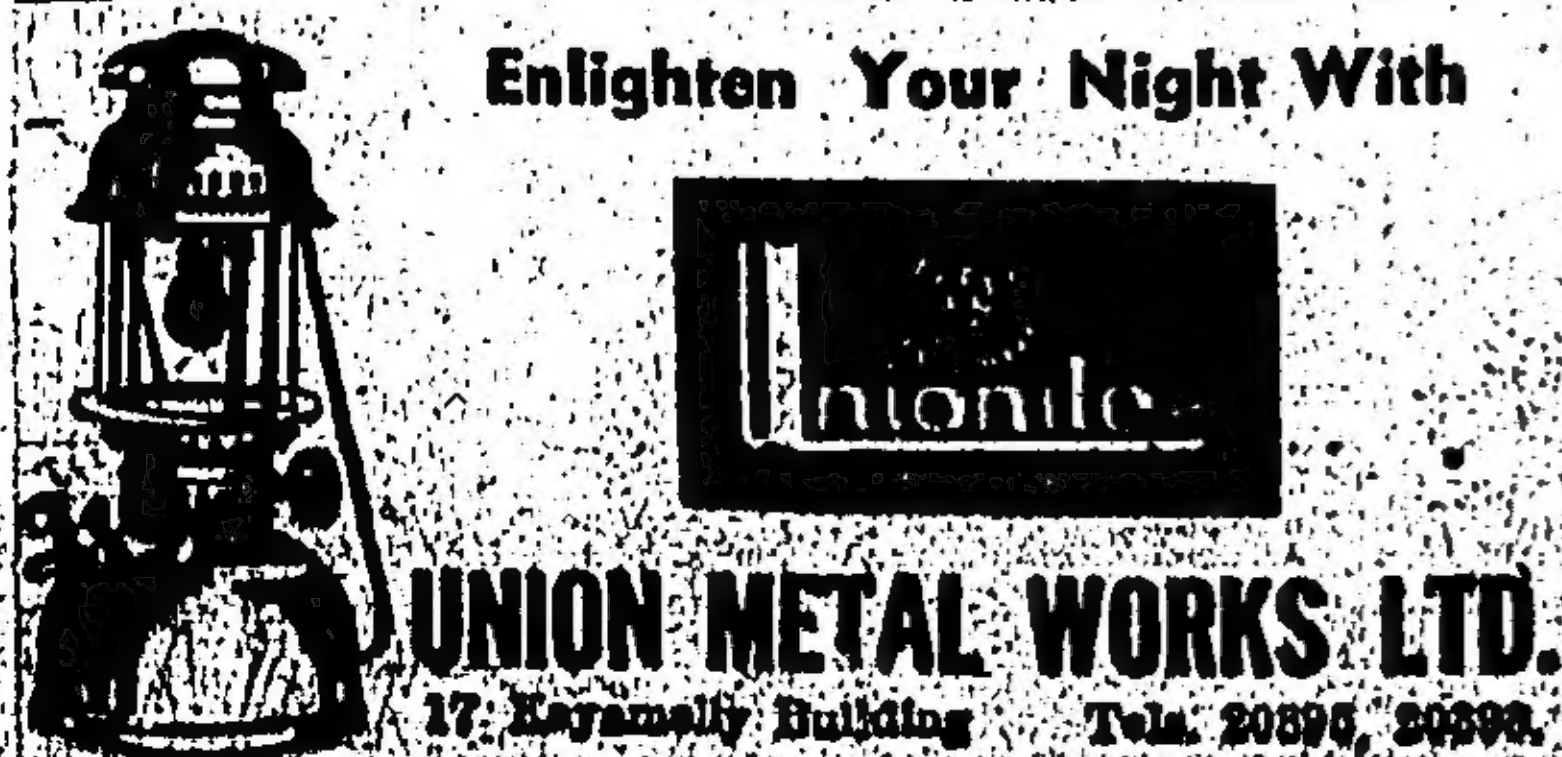
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"RUSSO-JEWISH MENACE TO ARAB WORLD"

Palestine To Be A Second Spain?
(By SAM SOUKI)
Amman, Transjordan, Apr. 17.
King Abdullah of the Transjordan told me today that he would send his Arab Legions into Palestine to fight what he called the "Russian and Jewish menace to the Arab world."

He said he had been advised that Russian commanders were "leading the Jews in Palestine." The critical situation there would cause him actively to assist Palestine Arabs.

The British-trained, British-officered, British-equipped Arab Legion of 20,000 men most powerful striking force in the Arab world. It is the only army of considerable size except for the rapidly-evacuating Palestine British Army. The Legion is commanded by Glubb Pasha, a British officer.

Abdullah tapped a finger on the table as he told me, "I like peace and have struggled for it." He paused and pointed dramatically toward Palestine. "But if the situation deteriorates further—I am a very hard man in action, especially when I smell the odour of Communism over there."

He said he had received a message from the Jewish Agency in Palestine disclaiming responsibility for the massacre of Arabs at Deir Yassin and denouncing the Jewish State.

"They added that the Government of the new Jewish State intends to fight in accordance with recognized international laws of warfare. I interpret that as a declaration of war on the Transjordan and other Arab nations. But I do not recognize the existence of a Jewish State and I cannot dignify this declaration."

The King said he feared that after the British withdrawal on May 15 "there will be shiploads of Jews, Russians and arms filling into Haifa, Tel-Aviv and Jaffa."

"They will have an Anglo-Saxon fighting the Russians. Then would come the Third World War."

He indicated that he believed he could prevent this possibility by quickly throwing the mechanized Arab Legion into the fight. He said that if the Jews were reasonable, Palestine fighting would be stopped immediately.

Zionist Propaganda
The King denied reports that he was agreeable to setting up a small separate Jewish State in Palestine. He said the reports were "Zionist propaganda."

He suggested instead one Palestine State, with further Jewish immigration halted and with Jews participating in the Government and running their own local Governments in Jewish areas.

Abdullah described the present clashes between the Arabs and Hagannah men in Palestine as "ekirmishes" and added, "in future there will be real battles."

He did not mention the matter, but reliable reports said that King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia, who with Syria had previously opposed Transjordan intervention, had sent a letter to Abdullah saying King Ibn Saud now had no objections to the Arab Legion moving into the Palestine fray.

U.S. Attitude
(At Lake Success, New York)
An American official said the United States would contribute fighting forces and a "fair share" of funds to a joint peace-keeping army for Palestine.

The official emphasized, however, that the United States would not be on the peace-keeping job alone but would contribute troops only if joined by certain other countries.

He did not indicate these countries, but it was understood the United States had made no headway in lining up the desired countries.—United Press.

Urgent Appeal?
Cairo, Apr. 17.
King Abdullah has released a force of regular troops of the Transjordan Arab Legion to serve with the Arab Liberation Army in Palestine, according to a high Arab source here. This action he said follows an urgent appeal by the Arab League two days ago.

"The Arab League will continue to carry out its pledges to save Palestine" he added.

The source declined to specify the actual size of the Transjordan troops but said that more could be sent, if needed.—Associated Press.

The Right To Live
New York, Apr. 17.
Four Protestant religious agencies today sent a joint brief to the United States Supreme Court on behalf of an alien Japanese fisherman, Torno Takahashi, who has been denied a commercial fishing licence by the California Fish and Game Administration.

The Home Mission's Council of North America and three other groups asked the court to rule that the California regulation is unconstitutional on the grounds that it deprives the livelihood of a man due to his race.—United Press.

Major Earthquake

Pasadena, Calif., Apr. 17.
A major earthquake about 6,000 miles away, "possibly in the southern Japanese islands," was recorded today by the California Institute of Technology.

Dr. Charles Richter, chief of the Seismological Laboratory, said it was sufficiently strong to have caused extensive damage if it occurred in an inhabited place.

Earthquake recordings were also reported from Berkeley, California, and Boston, Massachusetts.—Reuter.

Asia Soon Free Of Fears Of Starvation

Salmon, Apr. 17.
Asia, within six months, should be free from any major starvation threat.
This is the opinion of J. Norman Efferson, rice expert from Louisiana State University, who is making a world survey of rice conditions for the U.S. Agriculture Department.
Expected exports during 1948 from Siam and Burma, coupled with increased production in countries which before the war imported much of their rice supply, should insure that Asia's rice-eaters in the last half of 1948 will not starve, he declared.—Associated Press.

FANATICAL ARAB CHARGES

Jerusalem, Apr. 17.
Jewish militiamen of Hagannah announced that they beat off today fanatical Arab desert warriors, who charged with knives clonched in their teeth, in a wild battle 15 miles east of Haifa.

Hagannah estimated the Arabs lost from 100 to 130 dead and 50 wounded out of a force of 400 which stormed in waves for three days against the Jewish settlement of Ramat Yohanan. The Jewish losses were given as seven killed.

In one attack the Arabs—Druze warriors from Lebanon and Syria—charged to within 10 yards of the Hagannah line. Sometimes the Druzes continued attacking after suffering wounds, the Jews declared.

A Tel Aviv dispatch said the Druzes attempted at least 10 assaults yesterday after Jewish counter-attacks had pushed them back from the adjacent village of Hosha and Khirbet Kasayit.

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2 S Pass Pass 3 D
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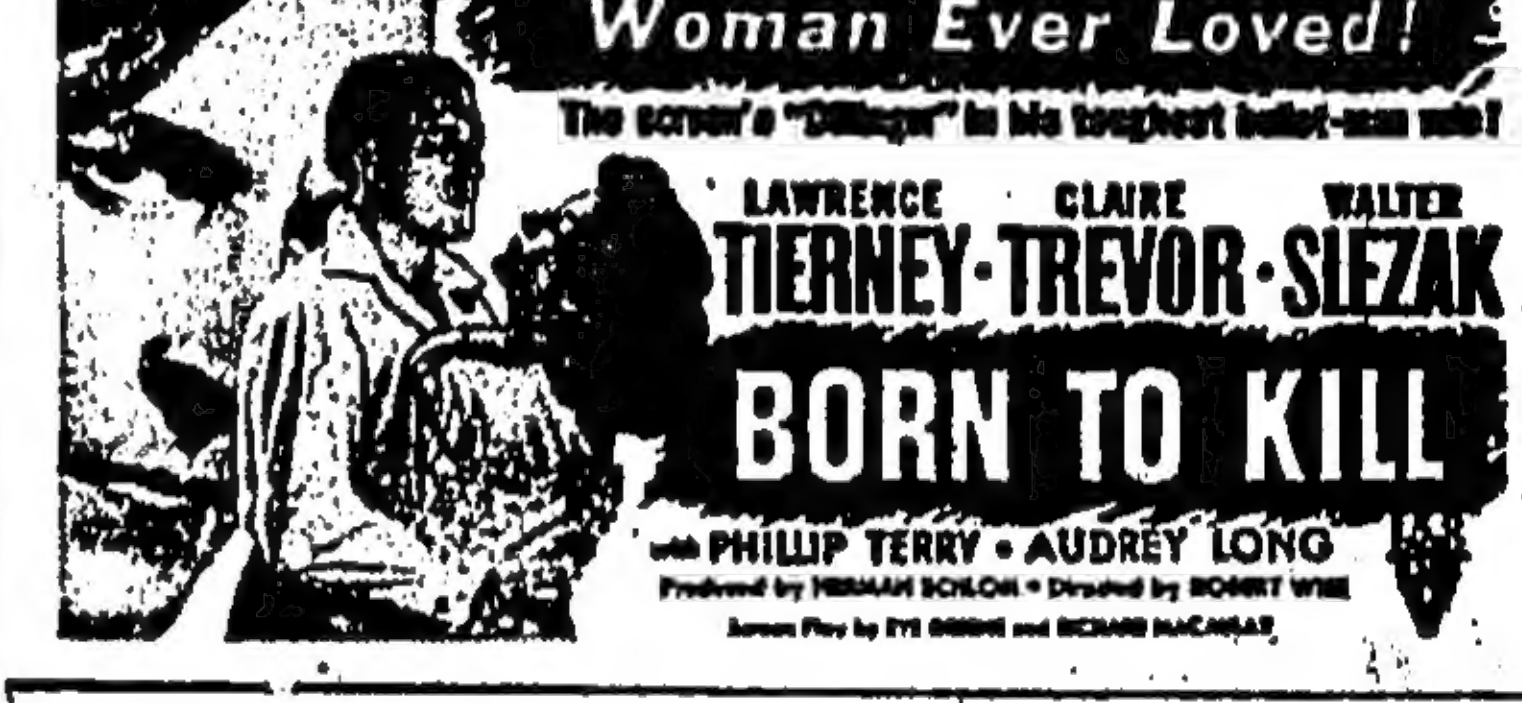
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Rip Van Winkle slept for 20 years. The NABM concentrated on 20 nights.

Cows And Progress

While we do not wish to draw invidious distinctions among our fellow inhabitants of the world of nature, we could not help noticing that bees in Corning, Calif., are producing honey in flavours of strawberry, maple, chocolate, lemon, pineapple, and mint, and that birds in Newark, Ohio, are building nests of Fiberglass.

Many birds, meanwhile, go right on making their homes from such antiquated materials as twigs, bark, rags, paper, and old shoelaces. Daubers go so far as to continue building their abodes of dirt. What's wrong with cellophane and gold leaf, for instance? If more birds would keep up with those birds in Newark, Ohio, it wouldn't be a term of derogation to say that something looked like a last year's bird's nest.

In striking contrast with the bees of Corning, Calif., cows have made no improvement in the flavour or colour of milk for at least the last 40-odd years to our certain knowledge. People have even been put to the inconvenience of adding chocolate, vanilla, etc., to it. If as small a creature as a bee can produce mint honey in a smart shade of green, it ought to be a cinch for a big, skulking animal like a cow to turn out milk in some really attractive shade like chartreuse, and flavoured, of course, chartreuse.

Please don't misunderstand us. Some of our best friends are cows, and we like milk in its place. But there is such a thing as progress, and we just thought we'd speak of it.

Rome, Apr. 17.

Italy has recognized the new Government of the Arab state of Yemen. The Emir Sefi El Islam Ahmed proclaimed himself King last month after defeating Abdulah El War, who had murdered the previous king and seized the throne. Emir Ahmed was the eldest son of the murdered king.



The Third Instalment

MR. STANLEY BALDWIN

bers of Tories worked and voted for me. In charge of each of my 34 committee rooms was a Conservative M.P. defying his leader, Mr. Baldwin, and the Party machine. This was unprecedented. I was defeated only by 43 votes out of 20,000 cast.

At the General Election I was returned for Epping by a 10,000 majority but as a "Constitutionalist," I would not at that time adopt the name "Conservative." I had had some friendly contacts with Mr. Baldwin in the interval; but I did not think he would survive to be Prime Minister. Now on the morrow of his victory I had no idea how he felt towards me.

I was surprised, and the Conservative Party dumbfounded, when he invited me to become Chancellor of the Exchequer, the office which my father had once held. A year later, with the approval of my constituents, not having been pressed personally by him, I formally rejoined the Conservative Party and the Carlton Club, which I had left twenty years before.

For almost five years I lived next door to Mr. Baldwin at No. 11, Downing Street, and nearly every morning on my way through his house to the Treasury I looked in upon him for a few minutes in the Cabinet Room. As I was one of his leading colleagues, I take my share of responsibility for all that happened.

(Mr. Churchill goes on to describe the negotiations in 1925 starting with an exchange of Notes between Germany and France, which led up to the Locarno Treaty of 1925).

The British Dominions were not enthusiastic about a Western Pact. General Smuts was anxious to avoid regional arrangements. The Canadians were lukewarm, and only New Zealand was unconditionally prepared to accept the view of the British Government. To me the aim of ending the thousand-year strife between France and Germany seemed a supreme object.

If we could only weave Gaul and Teuton so closely together economically, and morally so to prevent the occasion of new quarrels, and make old antagonisms die in the realization of mutual prosperity and interdependence. Europe would rise again. It seemed to me that the supreme interest of the British people in Europe lay in the assuagement of the Franco-German feud, and that under the influence of a long peace, growing confidence, and financial burdens.

It was evident that danger would arise if ever Germany became more or less equal with France, still more if she became stronger than France. But all this seemed excluded by solemn treaty obligations. The Foreign Secretary, having no official residence asked me to lend my dining-room at No. 11 Downing Street for his intimate friendly luncheon with Herr Stresemann. We all met together in great amity, and thought what a wonderful future would await Europe if its greatest nations became truly united and felt themselves secure.

The new Germany took her place in the truncated League of Nations. Under the influence of £2,000,000,000 of American and British loans she was reviving rapidly. Her new ocean liners gained the Blue Ribbon of the Atlantic. Her trade advanced by leaps and bounds, and internal prosperity ripened. France and her system of alliances also seemed secure in Europe. The disarmament clauses of the Treaty of Versailles were not openly violated. The Ger-

On this basis the Conference at Locarno was formally opened on October 4. By the waters of this calm lake the delegates of Britain, France, Germany, Belgium and Italy assembled.

The Conference achieved: First, the Treaty of Mutual Guarantee between the five Powers; secondly, Arbitration Treaties between Germany and France, Germany and Belgium, Germany and Poland, Germany and Czechoslovakia; thirdly, special agreements between France and Poland, and France and Czechoslovakia, by which France undertook to afford them assistance if a breakdown of the Western Pact were followed by an unprovoked resort to arms.

Thus did the Western European democracies agree to keep the peace among themselves in all circumstances, and to stand united against any one of their number who broke the compact and marched in aggression upon a brother land. As between France and Germany, Great Britain became solemnly pledged to come to the aid of whichever of the other two States was the object of unprovoked aggression.

The question whether there was any obligation on the part of France or Britain to disarm, or to disarm to any particular level, was not affected.

I had been brought into these matters as Chancellor of the Exchequer at an early stage. My own view about this two-way guarantee was that while France remained armed and Germany disarmed, Germany could not attack her; and that on the other hand France could never attack Germany. If that automatically involved Britain becoming Germany's ally, Britain and the League of Nations, which Germany joined as part of the Agreement offered a real protection to the German people.

There was a balance created in which Britain, whose major interest was the cessation of the quarrel between Germany and France, was to a large extent umpire and arbiter. One hoped

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that this equilibrium might have lasted twenty years, during which the Allied armaments would gradually and naturally have dwindled under the influence of a long peace, growing confidence, and financial burdens.

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CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Okay, I'll match your position on the new car list and I'll raise you the rebate I expect on my income tax!"

man Navy was non-existent. The German Air Force was prohibited and still unborn. On the other hand there lay before us what I later called "The Economic Blizzard." Knowledge of this was confined to rare financial circles, and these were cowed into silence by what they foresaw.

The General Election of May, 1929, showed that the "swing of the pendulum" and the normal desire for change were powerful factors with the British electorate. The Conservatives were the largest party in the new House of Commons, but the Liberals, with 100 seats, held the balance, and it was plain that under Mr. Lloyd George's leadership they would, at the outset at least, be hostile to the Conservatives.

Mr. Baldwin and I were in full agreement that we should not seek to hold office in a minority Government. For all these years since 1905 I had sat on one of the other of the front benches, and always had the advantage of speaking from the box on which you can put your notes, and pretend with more or less success to be making it up as you go along.

The Socialist Prime Minister wished his new Labour Government to distinguish itself by large concessions to Egypt, by a far-reaching constitutional change in India, and by a renewed effort for world, or at any rate British, disarmament. These were aims which he could count upon Liberal aid, and for which he therefore commanded a Parliamentary majority.

Here began my differences with Mr. Baldwin, and thereafter the relationship in which we had worked since he chose me for Chancellor of the Exchequer five years before, ceased to be friendly. We still of course remained in easy personal contact, but we knew we did not mean the same thing.

My idea was that the Conservative Opposition should strongly confront the Labour Government on all great Imperial and national issues, should identify itself with the majority of British as under Lord Bessborough and Lord Salisbury, and should not hesitate to face controversy, even though that might not immediately evoke a response from the nation.

So far as I could see, Mr. Baldwin felt that the times were too far gone for any robust assertion of British Imperial greatness, and that the hope of the Conservative party lay in accommodation with Liberal and Labour forces, and in adroit, well-timed manoeuvres to detach powerful moods of public opinion and large blocks of voters from them. He certainly was very successful. He was the greatest party manager the Conservatives had ever had.

He fought, as their leader, five General Elections, of which he won three, and in the other two still remained at the head of the largest party. History alone can judge these general issues. It was on India that our definite breach occurred. The Prime Minister, strongly supported and even spurred by the Conservative Viceroy, Lord Irwin, afterwards Lord Halifax, pressed forward with his plan of Indian self-government.

Mr. Baldwin seemed quite content with these developments. I felt sure we should lose India in the final result and that measureless disasters would come upon the Indian peoples. I therefore after a while resigned from the Shadow Cabinet upon this issue.

In October, 1929, a sudden and violent tempest swept over Wall Street. The intervention of the most powerful agencies failed to stem the tide of panic selling. The whole wealth so swiftly gathered in the paper values of previous years vanished.

In the wake of the collapse of the stock market came during the years between 1929 and 1932 an unrelenting fall in production and consequent cuts in living standards causing widespread unemployment. The consequences of this dislocation of economic life became world-wide.

Mr. MacDonald's Government, with all their promises behind them, saw unemployment during 1930 and 1931 mount up in their faces from 1,000,000 to nearly 3,000,000. Consequential disasters fell upon Germany and other European countries. However, nobody starved in the English-speaking world.

It is always difficult for an administration or party which is founded upon attacking capitalism to preserve the confidence and credit so important to the highly artificial economy of an island like Britain. Mr. MacDonald's Labour-Socialist Government were utterly unable to cope with the problems which confronted them. They could not command the party discipline or produce the vigorous necessary even to balance the Budget.

In such conditions a Government already in a minority and deprived of all financial confidence could not survive. It seemed that only a Government of all parties was capable of coping with the crisis. Mr. MacDonald and his Cabinet, of the Exchequer, on a strong patriotic emotion, attempt-

ed to carry the mass of the Labour party into his combination. Mr. Baldwin, always content that others should have the function so long as he retained the power, was willing to serve under Mr. MacDonald. It was an attitude which, though deserving respect, did not correspond to the facts.

I was not invited to take part in the Coalition Government. I was politically severed from Mr. Baldwin about India. I was an opponent of the policy of Mr. MacDonald's Labour Government. Like many others, I had felt the need of a national concentration. But I was neither surprised nor unhappy when I was left out of it.

Political dramas are very exciting at the time to those engaged in the clatter and whirlpool of politics, but I can truthfully affirm that I never felt resentment, still less pain, at being so decisively discarded in a moment of national stress.

There was, however, an inconceivable For all these years since 1905 I had sat on one of the other of the front benches, and always had the advantage of speaking from the box on which you can put your notes, and pretend with more or less success to be making it up as you go along. I had to find with some difficulty a seat below the gangway on the Government side, where I had to hold my notes in my hand whenever I spoke, and take my chance for debate with other well-known ex-Cabinet Ministers. However, from time to time I got called.

I returned from abroad to find everything unsettled in the advent of an inevitable General Election. A National Government formed under Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the founder of the Labour-Socialist party, proposed to the people a programme of severe austerity and sacrifice. It was an earlier version of "Blood, sweat, toil and tears," without the stimulus or the requirements of war and more perilous than that. The mass of the people were asked to vote for a regime of self-denial. They responded as they always do when caught in the heroic temper.

Although contrary to their declarations, the Government abandoned the Gold Standard, and although Mr. Baldwin was obliged to suspend, as it proved for ever, those very payments on the American Debt which he had forced on the Bonar Law Cabinet of 1923, confidence and credit were restored.

Mr. MacDonald as Prime Minister was only followed by seven or eight members of his own party, but barely 100 of his Labour opponents and former followers were returned to Parliament. His health and powers were falling fast, and he reigned in increasing decrepitude at the summit of the British system for nearly five fateful years. And even in these five years came Hitler.

(To Be Continued)

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Formal Solution In Indonesia

Batavia, Apr. 17. A formal solution to the dispute between the Dutch and the Indonesian Republicans over the Jogjakarta railway station incident can be expected shortly, reliable sources said here tonight, after a meeting of the Indonesian Provisional Federal Government.

The meeting, held at the residence of the Dutch Governor-General of the Dutch East Indies, Raden Abdul Kadir Wirjodarmas, and the deputy leader of the Netherlands negotiating delegation, Jonkheer van Vredenburg.

They are both returning to the Republican capital, Jogjakarta, by air tomorrow. Reliable sources said that it was expected that the political negotiations, sponsored by the Security Council good offices committee, would probably begin on Monday.

The Sultan of Pontianak, West Borneo, and a representative of the new state of Madura, are also going to Jogjakarta to make contact with the Republicans.

The good offices committee to be set up by the Dutch and the Republicans for a "peaceful solution" of the Jogjakarta railway station incident, in which the Dutch envoys were manhandled—Reuters.

DE VALERA DOWN UNDER

Dublin, Apr. 17. Mr. Eamon de Valera, former Premier of Eire, hopes to leave next Wednesday for Melbourne to seek Australian support for Eire's campaign to end her isolation from North America. Mr. John Costello, President of Eire, is returning to Australia, New Zealand, and the United States in an attempt to secure support for Eire's campaign to end her isolation from North America—Reuters.

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Auction For Italian Votes

Western Powers Believed To Have Outbid Soviet Russia: Police Stand By National Elections Begin

New York, April 17.

An auction for Italian votes ended today and the Western Powers, led by the United States, appeared to have made a high bid. Given a three-day election vacation, the Italians are to vote on Sunday and Monday on the issue of Democracy vs. Communism, Western Powers vs. Russia and Russia Marxist Socialism vs. Capitalism.

There is little doubt that the Soviet Union had lost. The best estimates were that the Communist front would poll less than 35 per cent of the vote. That probably would keep them out of the coalition government which presumably would be headed by Premier Alcide De Gasperi's strongly Catholic Christian Democrats.

The United States had offered Italy \$2,500,000 economic aid under the European recovery programme, accompanied by a warning that a Communist Government in Italy could expect no help at all. The Western Powers had proposed jointly the return of Trieste to Italy and had forced Russia into a position of refusing this demand.

The Russians offered nothing but some glittering promises of better life under Communism and some charges that the Italians who voted against Communism would be completing the sellout of their nation to American imperialism. It was not good enough.

The Communist front leader, Palmiro Togliatti, admitted as much as he closed his campaign with a speech to 100,000 persons in Rome in which he demanded that the Communists be included in the coalition government regardless of the election result. That was not the talk of the man who hoped for victory.

Rain threatened and it appeared likely to favour the Communists. Their well-disciplined forces would vote anyway. The more conservative voters, including women and old people, might not brave the bad weather to go to polls.

Italy's tough Interior Minister, Mario Scelba, ordered four policemen to each of the nation's 41,648 polling places. There was little violence as the campaign closed and no major outbreaks are expected during the voting. But the Government is ready with an alerted force of 330,000 troops and police.—United Press.

Forces Mobilised

Rome, Apr. 17. The Italian Government gave new orders to its mobilised forces—330,000 troops and police of all kinds—to protect the vote in the national elections beginning on Sunday.

"Tomorrow you decide the destiny of Italy, the destiny of Europe. Vote!" was the advertisement appearing in all of today's Anti-Communist newspapers. This plea summed up sharply the vast issues facing the 20,146,000 Italians eligible to vote in the two-day election. The warning was printed on a map of Europe showing Russia and her Eastern European satellites in deep black, the rest of Europe in white.

Premier de Gasperi, summarising the issues in a newspaper interview after his final speech at Naples Friday night, said the campaign had boiled down to the "iron alternatives" between a regime of liberty or Bolshevik totalitarianism.

Strong closing stock market quotations were interpreted as reflecting confidence in a Communist defeat. The tough preparations of Interior Minister Mario Scelba to guarantee the right of the people to choose without intimidation reflected the breadth of Italy's decision.

Security Orders

The mobilised security forces were told to—
1—Deal forcefully with anyone attempting to intimidate voters.
2—Keep crowds moving—voters must not be allowed to collect or loiter around polling places after voting.

3—Look out for "obstructionism"—intentional delays in voting for instance—calculated to make waiting voters give up and go home.

4—Prevent electioneering at the polls.
Scelba, in a closing speech Friday night, said: "The Government will be on the watch. If the liberty of the votes should be compromised it should be compromised."

SERVICE AS USUAL

Frankfurt, Apr. 17. The British-European Airways service between London and Vienna was operating normally today, according to a representative at the Frankfurt airport.

The plane which reached Vienna yesterday and whose return flight was delayed, left Vienna this morning with a full passenger complement for Frankfurt.

would not hesitate to take the most radical measures, even the suspension of the elections." The Government's preparations apparently had impressed the Communist leader Palmiro Togliatti, whose lieutenants have boasted of "tens of thousands of partisan trained youths" ready to act at their call.

Told of Scelba's warning, Togliatti, said, "There ought not to be any trouble, and there will not be because we have all undertaken to respect the electoral liberty of the Italian people."

Nevertheless the ceaseless search for hidden arms went on.—Associated Press.

Reds Accused Of Brazil Plot

Rio de Janeiro, Apr. 16.

Brazilian Federal police announced today that 26 Communists have been arrested and directly implicated in the explosion yesterday of the Army's Deodoro arsenal. The arsenal was wrecked by five blasts, and 23 persons were known to have been killed. Firemen still are seeking 12 girl employees who were trapped and possibly killed in a nearby textile mill.

Estimates of the number of injured range from 100 to 200. Walls crumbled within a mile radius of the scene.

The police said the explosion was intended as the beginning of a Communist plot for a "second Bogota" here on May 1. The plot was attributed to a high leader of the Communist Party, which is outlawed in Brazil. Police withheld his name, but said his arrest was expected soon.

According to the official account, the Communists intended to kill the Brazilian War Minister, General Roberto Pereira de Costa. An unexplained delay in the explosion saved his life and he left the scene just 50 minutes earlier.

The explosion scattered grenades over a wide area, complicating the task of fighting the fire.—Associated Press.

Warning

Mexico City, Apr. 18. Communist parties which are operating in every country in the Western Hemisphere (with two exceptions) plan new uprisings in at least three other Latin-American countries in the near future, General Rene Picado, Costa Rican Minister of Public Security, said today.

He predicted there would be Communist-sponsored uprisings, either as armed revolts or as

U.S. Raid On Tokyo Recalled

Minneapolis, Apr. 17. Forty survivors of the first American bombing raid on Tokyo gathered today in Minneapolis, the city where they were asked to volunteer for a "mission of great hazard."

Three days of dinners, cocktail parties and informal talks were scheduled, with but one business mission.

Sunday will be the sixth anniversary of the raid on five Japanese cities. Of the 80 men who volunteered, 61 are living today and 33 of them still are members of the U.S. Army Air Forces. It was in Minneapolis that plans were made for the raid, and planes used by the fliers were repaired and modified here for the flight.

General James Doolittle, who commanded the raid, will speak at a dinner tonight.—Associated Press.

Funchal, Apr. 17.

Harry Hinton, 61, wealthy British planter, who obtained a monopoly on sugar and alcohol production here in 1880, died today.—Associated Press.

"Civil Rights"

Mobile, Ala., Apr. 17.

A 20-year-old white mechanic, who, according to the police, signed a statement that he beat a negro with his fists and kicked him in a dispute over President Truman's "civil rights" programme, was freed today of a charge of murder.

The Mobile County Grand Jury had failed to return an indictment against him and the State Solicitor said today this means he was now at liberty. President Truman's "civil rights" programme calls for anti-lynching legislation and an end to racial segregation.—Reuter.

As One Joe To Another?

New York, Apr. 17.

The House Speaker, Mr. Joseph Martin, told the Republican Club meeting today: "If I could talk with Stalin I could end the mad rush toward war and prevent a conflagration which would destroy civilisation."

He made this statement in reference to his action towards ending the coal strike. He charged that in the Truman Administration "sometimes the people get so they do not talk to each other and somebody has to step in."

"There come a time," he said, "when to procure understanding and peace—a sincere effort to bring about peace must be made."

He left no doubt that his attitude towards Soviet Russia is conciliatory. Martin said that despite the lack of co-operation in the Administration, progress has been made toward purging Communists from the United States Government and "this fight will never stop until we drive the last Communist out of the Government."

Regarding peoples under Communist-dominated countries, Martin said "They have no rights. They have no dignity... under the Masters of the Kremlin, the men and women are chained to the soil in slavery and serfdom."—United Press.

N.W.A. Chief In China

Shanghai, Apr. 16.

Don Kiang, Vice-President of the Orient Region of North-west Airlines, arrived today to make a survey on the possibility of establishing the company's Far Eastern headquarters in Shanghai. He declined to commit himself definitely but said he plans to determine the extent of airline facilities and business opportunities in conjunction with the company's planned Oriental expansion.

Kiang also indicated he wanted to make sure his company could share in the expected tourist trade increase from America in the event the State Department travel restrictions to China—United Press.

Rioters Are Now Just Hungry People

Bogota, Apr. 17.

The rioters who put Colombia to the torch last week are now just hungry people roaming the wreckage of their own making. Today the only loot they seek is—food.

From one end of the country to the other, reports reach the capital of dwindling food supplies and rocketing prices.

In the capital, soldiers are standing guard as thousands of thin-faced Colombians queue up for meagre rations. A few public markets have re-opened. But they have little to sell.

And the people haven't enough money to keep pace with prices leaping in spite of Government threats to punish speculators. Already food costs are up 50 to 200 per cent more than before the first shots were fired.

An estimated 5,000 stores and offices were looted and fired in the frenzy that gripped the country from April 10. But commerce in Bogota, the country's heart, has been ruined and official sources cannot predict how long it will take to restore it.

Between 350 and 800 persons are estimated to have died. The injured are said to be innumerable. They include 120 students of the National University. An eye witness said he saw 208 bodies laid out in the city's Central Cemetery.

"I became ill and could not go on counting," he added.

Coffee "Safe"

About the only thing of importance that escaped real harm was the Colombian coffee industry. It escaped because it is not a concentrated industry. It is spread over thousands of plantations.

But petroleum production—accounting for twelve per cent of the country's foreign exchange—was halted by the riot.—Associated Press.

Soviet Officials Withdrawn

Washington, Apr. 17.

The Soviet Union is steadily reducing the number of Russians officially assigned to the United States.

American officials reported that Soviet diplomatic, consular, purchasing and miscellaneous personnel, including dependants, have been trimmed below 350 compared with 766 a year ago.

Soviet personnel in the United States in 1946 totalled 1,458, while there were about 2,500 here in 1945.

The officials said that the decrease was probably due in a large part to the fact that the Soviet purchasing agency, Amtorg, is having trouble buying American goods.

Official records show that only 104 Americans, including 25 dependants, are living in Moscow. The only other American in the Soviet Union is the United States Consul at Vladivostok.

Officials said the American colony is not being allowed to come in contact with Soviet citizens "except for the most important official business. The number of Soviet citizens formerly employed by the American Embassy as translators and clerks has gradually drifted away without explanation.—United Press.

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His wife, Rachele, hates Edda from the bottom of her heart. One can easily understand that. The Duce, on the other hand trusts Edda more than he does his wife.

Bad Impression

Edda visited the Fuehrer some days ago. On that occasion she created a very bad impression. All she asked for was permission to emigrate to South America via Spain. In this connection she tried to settle some money questions.

Ciano has brought about 6,000,000 lire with him from Italy. She wanted to exchange these for pesetas, and actually offered the Fuehrer the difference in the exchange rate, a tactlessness that nauseated the Fuehrer.

Ciano intends to write his memoirs. The Fuehrer rightly suspects that such memoirs can only be written in a manner derogatory to us, for otherwise he could not dispose of them in the international market.

There is therefore no thought of authorizing Ciano to leave the Reich; he will remain in our custody, at least for the present.

All these circumstances show by what vile elements the Duce is surrounded. If the Duce were a man whose politics were uninfluenced by family considerations he would have Ciano executed and his daughter whipped.

On the contrary, he is putting up a pretence that they are a loving family.

Unfortunately Rommel had to undergo an operation for appendicitis during the critical days in Italy; otherwise he would undoubtedly have been able to take a hand in Salerno.

I put the question to the Fuehrer whether his G.H.Q. was sufficiently protected against possible attacks by parachutists. The liberation of Mussolini has shown how easily such a manoeuvre can be carried out if it is quite unexpected.

The Fuehrer, thank God, was able to assure me that security measures at G.H.Q. have been strengthened considerably.

Fuehrer and Churchill

In the course of dinner I was able to talk over a number of questions with the Fuehrer. I asked the Fuehrer whether he would be ready to negotiate with Churchill or whether he declined this principle.

He does not believe that negotiations with Churchill would lead to any result as he is too deeply wedded to his hostile views and besides, is guided by hatred and not by reason.

The Fuehrer would prefer negotiations with Stalin, but he does not believe they would be successful since Stalin cannot see what Hitler demands in the East.

I told the Fuehrer that we must come to an arrangement with one side or the other.

The question when England might be inclined toward peace is naturally difficult to answer at the moment. All people are human, and after four years of war nobody sees any fun in it. Personally, too, we ourselves are yearning for peace. The Fuehrer stressed this.

The Fuehrer does not like Goering's ideas of art, and is especially annoyed at the way Frau Goering always butts in on theatre questions.

In the evening there was a tea in honour of Field-Marshal General Keitel's birthday. I was the only civilian present.

In this circle of generals the Fuehrer reverted to the theme

Goebbels' Diary

of Russia; but he spoke much more reservedly than when talking to me privately.

If we actually had a choice it would naturally be much more agreeable to start talks with London than with Moscow. One can always make a better deal with a democratic State.

Too Tired!

Psychologically the English would not be in a position to make war, and besides the English people are too tired of it and possibly also too exhausted. It is different with the Bolsheviks.

The Fuehrer showed me a copy of a letter that Edda Mussolini addressed to her father, the Duce. This letter beats everything. Edda Mussolini is acting like a wildcat in her Bavarian villa. She smashes china and furniture on the slightest provocation.

This time she complained to her father because she could not get through to him on the telephone on one occasion and because she was once denied a car.

She uses ridiculous trivialities to threaten her father with blackmail. She states in the letter that unless he helps her immediately and takes her along to Italy, she will involve him in a gigantic scandal so that curses and disgrace will be showered upon her father's head before the whole world.

It is hard to imagine that the daughter of a great man dares to act thus toward her father.

Of course the Fuehrer and I ask ourselves whether possibly Edda Mussolini and especially Ciano know something about the Duce which might compromise him in public opinion; otherwise she would hardly be in a position to write that sort of blackmail letter.

Should that actually be the case, most of the riddle about Fascism would be solved.

One could then explain why the Duce always yielded to Ciano, even at this time—a thing that would otherwise be completely incomprehensible. The letter certainly bears testimony not only against Edda Mussolini but against the Duce himself.

What sort of upbringing must the Duce have given his daughter if she dares to write him such a letter in the circumstances!

I urgently warned the Fuehrer against permitting Ciano to escape to Spain. Edda Mussolini had urged this upon him.

She said she wanted a separation from her husband, while Ciano wished to write his memoirs there. One can imagine what these memoirs will be like.

I am firmly convinced that this dirty scandal would start writing against us before he had been gone a month. Ciano is the Satan of the Fascist movement and the curse of Italy.

The Fuehrer wants to put strong pressure on the Duce to order at least in his own family.

Johst (a novelist), who is a neighbour of the Cianos in Upper Bavaria, has written a series of letters to the Fuehrer about their behaviour.

Johst described conditions at the Villa Ciano as simply grotesque. But he sees the essential point: Ciano and his wife are abnormal, worthless creatures who under normal conditions would be put in prison.

Fears Blackmail

The Fuehrer would like the Duce to hand Ciano over to him. He would stand him up against a wall immediately and send his wife, Edda, to a house of correction, where she would probably soon come to her senses.

Our security service succeeded in arresting the Princesses Mita and Mafalda of Savoy. They are acting exceptionally insolently and insultingly, but they are being taken into the school of hard knocks.

After the generals had taken their leave, long after midnight, the Fuehrer asked me to come to him once more quite alone.

For hours we walked up and down in his map room and discussed the Italian question from its most intimate angles.

The Fuehrer told me that, while he had no proofs, he thought it quite possible that it may at one time have been the Duce's personal intention to desert.

The Fuehrer fears that this is the blackmail material which Ciano and his wife have in their hands.

I don't believe that is the reason. Edda Mussolini knows some secret about her father which is either of a criminal nature or compromises him socially and politically. It is either a question of love affairs or of money.

The whole affair is certainly very strange and it is desirable that we should hold on to the personalities involved so that no disaster may result.

We must begin slowly to write the Duce off politically. However much we may like him personally, and however valuable the services which he rendered to us, these must be regarded as having been rendered by a man who is morally and politically involved.

When we are considering that our eastern campaign has cost us 3,000,000 casualties, 3,000,000 wounded, and 3,000,000 dead, we must not forget that we have paid heavily for this campaign.



Hitler And Goering's Art Ideas

At some point or other we simply must try to get out of this desperate bloodletting. Otherwise we are in danger of slowly bleeding to death.

Reports based on interrogations of prisoners of war about morale in the United States indicate that the American people are not so tired of war as the English. Nor have they any great difficulties about food. Only the strikes give some hope of an early change.

The English and Americans are again talking about a general's plot in the Reich which is to overthrow the Hitler regime. It is very suspicious that whenever the enemy speaks of a domestic crisis in the Reich, he always thinks of the generals. That is hardly an accident.

Ciano Arrested.

November 4: Ciano has actually been arrested on orders of the Duce and put into a military prison. The Duce has sent his daughter Edda into a sanatorium. That's the best thing he could possibly do.

I was given a report about the corruption of German blood by foreign labour. Several thousand illegitimate children of foreign workers and German women or foreign women and German men are recorded. The numbers, however, are not high enough to cause excessive worry.

November 7: The enemy has threatened to continue the air offensive in intensified form, and I believe will carry out this threat if it is at all possible.

During yesterday's daylight raid alone we lost 30 fighters. That is an enormous loss, and simply cannot be borne in the long run.

Our fighter planes are not equal to the Americans. It is very humiliating to see how the enemy is leading us by the nose in air warfare.

Every month he introduces some new method which it takes weeks and sometimes months for us to catch up with.

Air raids at home cause deep concern to the troops. Hatred against England exceeds all bounds.

The problem of letters from our prisoners in the Soviet Union is causing us many a headache. These letters now no longer number a few hundreds, but arrive by thousands and tens of thousands.

It cannot be denied that they make a deep impression upon the people and that it is impossible in the long run to be silent about them—officially or to hold them back.

November 9: This afternoon Goering delivered a two-and-a-half-hour address on aerial warfare. The speech did not achieve the effect that he evidently expected. He insisted, especially we had already made our reprisals in advance against England by our raids in the autumn of 1940.

That, of course, is very cheap. Goering is also expending a whole series of new weapons and new airplane models which, however, can't be produced in quantity until the dim and distant future. A certain lack of assurance was noticeable in Goering.

During dinner I had a long talk with Goering, who tried in every way possible to renew his old connections.

Personally he is an exceptionally lovable character. He is obviously suffering from the fact that he did not find the right collaborators in the past.

In the evening we were assembled with the Fuehrer in the Fuehrerbau (Munich). Here I heard extraordinary things about the occupied Italian areas.

Heroic Pose

The Duce is living a life of make-believe and struts around in an heroic pose that has no place in a world of realities.

He actually thinks he can persuade the Italian nation to re-enter the military struggle on our side. The personal conduct of the Duce with his mistress, whom Sepp Dietrich had to bring to him, is cause for much misgiving.

November 11: The Fuehrer's theme of retaliation against England in his speech at Munich has struck home. The English people are in a state of great unrest, especially since they don't know how this retaliation is to take place.

November 12: From a very confidential source I learn that Stalin put forward the argument (at the Moscow Conference) that he has already lost 16,000,000 men, that he could not continue the war without a second front, and that he was determined to conclude a separate peace with the Reich. If England and the United States did not hasten to his aid.

Impressed by this presentation both Eden and Cordell Hull naturally yielded all along the line.

If all Great Powers engaged in this war were able today to select their positions anew, without any previous ties, the whole picture would most probably be changed completely in 24 hours.

November 13: British periodicals for the first time have published reparations demands on the German Reich. They are so insane that one can visualize what we would be threatened with if we were to weaken.

The German people should realize clearly what fate is in store for us in case of defeat.

November 14: Goering thanks God, is, showing himself more often in public. He has evidently recovered from his recent period of stagnation.

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Inflation Undermining The U.S. Truman Calls On Congress To Act To Curb The Trend Unhealthy Increase In Steel Prices

Washington, Apr. 17.

President Truman said in a speech tonight at the annual dinner of the American Society of Newspaper Editors that unless Congress acted to curb inflation, the country would face ever-increasing danger of a depression.

Mr. Truman said inflation was steadily worsening and undermining the nation's security. "A strong American economy is the bedrock upon which rest hopes for establishing the peace of free men in the world. Without it, we can provide neither aid, leadership nor example," he said.

The President levelled a finger at the steel price increase, the coal strike, and the tax cut bill passed over his veto by the Republican Congress as new and recent factors contributing to inflation.

He called for immediate enactment of his ten-point anti-inflation programme, first proposed last November to the special session of Congress.

The programme includes standby prices, rationing and wage controls, credit curbs, rent controls, export controls and other measures to hold down prices and conserve scarce goods.

Congress approved export controls, set up a system of voluntary allocation of scarce materials and extended rent controls until next year.

President Truman told the editors everybody had been devoting a great deal of thought lately to the "difficult" international problems facing us.

The success, however, of United States foreign policy depends on the strength and stability of economy, he said.

"The plain fact is our economy is in serious danger as a result of high prices and inflation. I cannot sit by silently while inflation continues to creep up on the American people. The total demand for goods is still outrunning production and competition for scarce items is still pushing prices up."

"It seems to me the basic question is clear. It is whether we take action in time to do some good or whether we delay until the crisis is upon us."

"If the cost of living continues to climb, wages and prices will continue to chase each other upward."

Calling the present boom "unhealthy," Mr. Truman said the steel price increase was "unwise and unnecessary. The coal strike was an 'unnecessary interruption to production' and the tax cut 'dangerous because of additional billions of dollars added to purchasing power not accompanied by significant production increase.'

He denied charges that his administration was trying to precipitate an economic crisis or an international crisis.

"The exact opposite is the truth," he declared. "We are striving to avoid an economic crisis by protecting prosperity while we have it. We are striving to avoid a war crisis by being firm before it is too late."

"He said the welfare of the Americans, the effectiveness of United States foreign policy and the strength of their defenses all depended on this prosperity."

Slap At Congress

In an apparent slap at Republican Congress leadership, President Truman said:

"There are some men in influential positions who still fail to understand or who deliberately ignore the gravity of the situation and the need for forthright measures to meet it."

"They tinkered with the problem of inflation and have even taken some feeble steps in the right direction. But they have taken other steps in the wrong direction—steps that made the problem much worse."—United Press.

Japanese Crack Down On Koreans

Tokyo, Apr. 17.

The Japanese police today promised an all-out move against those Koreans who since the Japanese surrender have lost respect for Japanese law and committed numerous violations. In a new drive prompted by recent clashes between Japanese and Koreans (in which at least five persons were killed and scores injured) the police arrested 73 Koreans in Kobe who had forcibly entered the Governor's office and demanded an interview.

The Koreans wanted to protest against the Governor's order closing several primary schools operated by Koreans.

The order was issued in accordance with the Education Ministry directive that all Korean boys and girls reaching school age must be sent to Japanese schools, public or private, because all Korean residents in Japan are required to obey Japanese laws and ordinances under the Allied directive issued on November 20, 1946.

In Okayama, the Prefectural Procurator's Office has arrested Ro Heu, chairman of the Okayama Prefectural headquarters of the Federation of Koreans in Japan, on a charge of violation of the education law. He was immediately sent to Okayama Prison.

Jiji Press said 800 armed police had been secretly mobilised for Heu's arrest.

In view of the fact that there are some 15,000 Koreans in Okayama Prefecture the police are watching their subsequent moves.

"Racial Autonomy"

The Koreans, meanwhile, have refused to close their schools, contending that the right of "racial autonomy" shall be recognised in connection with Korean education.

Many Koreans, too, have ignored the Japanese police in operating black-market restaurants.

United Press.

No Snaps Of Executions

Tokyo, Apr. 17.

It is unlikely that photographs will be made of the execution or scenes in prison if any of the 25 major Japanese war criminals defendants are convicted, says Colonel M.P. Echols, General MacArthur's Public Information officer.

U.S. Army photographers made pictures of the Nuremberg executions of Nazi leaders and these were distributed to newspapers.—Associated Press.

Australian War Crimes Trials Report

Tokyo, Apr. 18.

The Australians have executed 135 war criminals and sentenced 402 others to prison terms ranging up to life imprisonment, GHQ Legal Section said today.

The majority were Japanese, but some were Koreans and Formosans employed by the Japanese Army. All were tried outside Japan, mostly at Singapore, Rabaul, Weiwak, Morotai Island and Darwin, Australia.

All pending trials of Japanese war crimes suspects still to be held in the Southwest Pacific and Singapore have been ordered transferred to Hong Kong, where cases will be conducted by the British authorities.—Associated Press.

150 C-46 Planes For China

Oakland, Calif., Apr. 17.

The first of 150 C-46 twin-engine planes bought from the US Government by the Chinese National Government will begin the flight to China on Sunday, Trans-Ocean Airlines announce.

One plane will take off on a test flight to Honolulu. With information gathered on this flight, three planes will depart on Tuesday, four on Wednesday and four next Thursday. Ferrying all of the 150 planes across the Pacific will take six or seven months.

The second group of 12 is scheduled to leave about June 1. The operation is believed to be the largest mass ferrying job since the war. The planes are "Curtiss Commandos."

They cost the US about US\$200,000 each and were sold to China for about US\$5,000 each.

The ferrying job, however, will cost China more than US\$1,000,000. Trans-Ocean officials said.

Honolulu, Wake, Guam and Shanghai are the scheduled stops in the overseas flights.—Associated Press.

DEFAUDED THE GOVERNMENT

Batavia, Apr. 17.

The news agency Antara reported on Saturday from Jogjakarta that Republican police have arrested ten persons, two of them women, charged with defrauding the Government of 500,000 Rupiahs.

Four of the ten (all Government employees) worked in the State printing office where the currency is manufactured, according to the Antara report which added that they are accused of printing one hundred Rupiah notes without recording them and dividing the profits.—Associated Press.

Athens, Apr. 17.

Flying in formation and piloted by American crews, thirty single-engine fighter aircraft landed in Athens on Friday night. They are en route to the Turkish Government under the American aid programme.—Associated Press.

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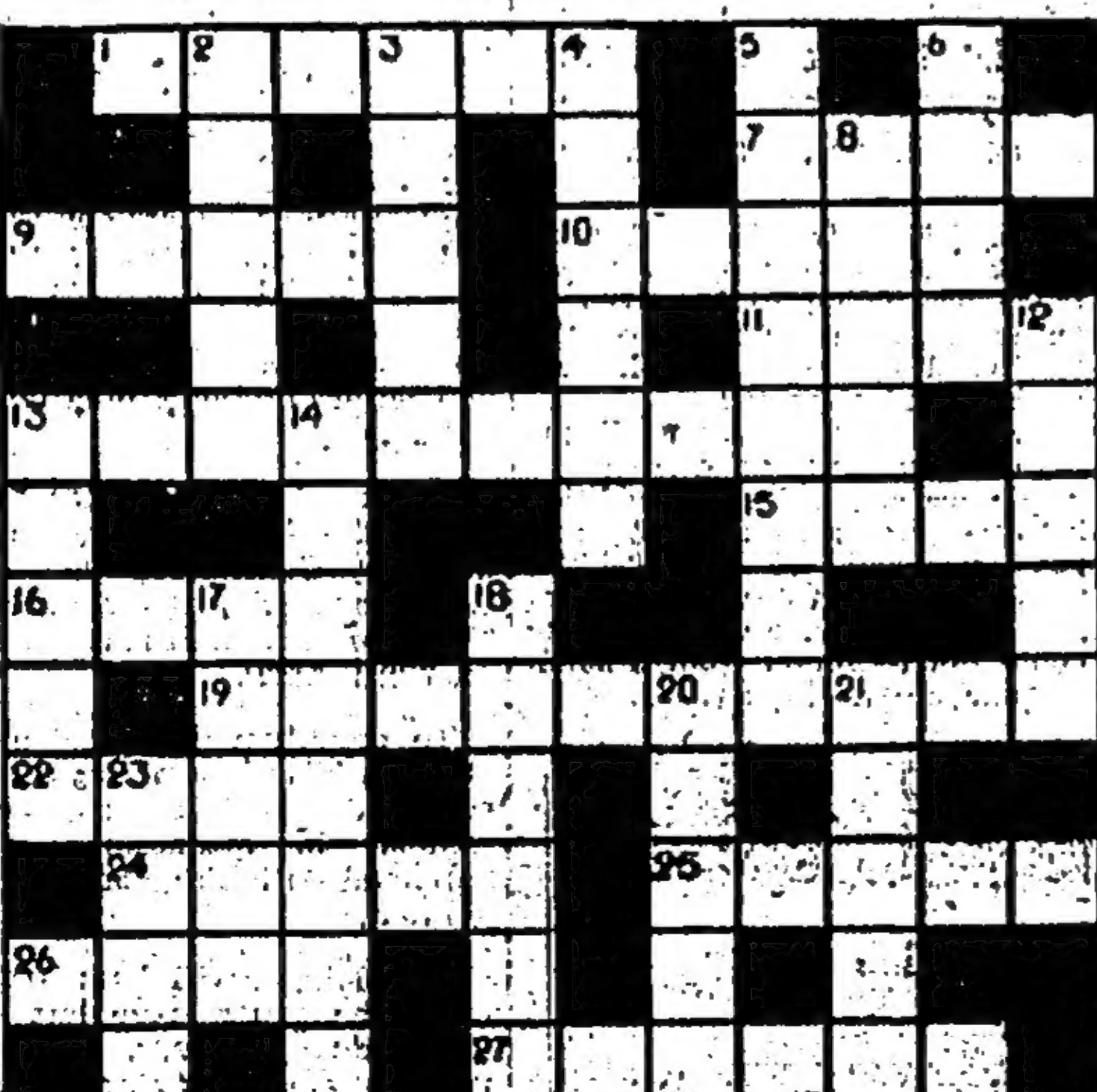
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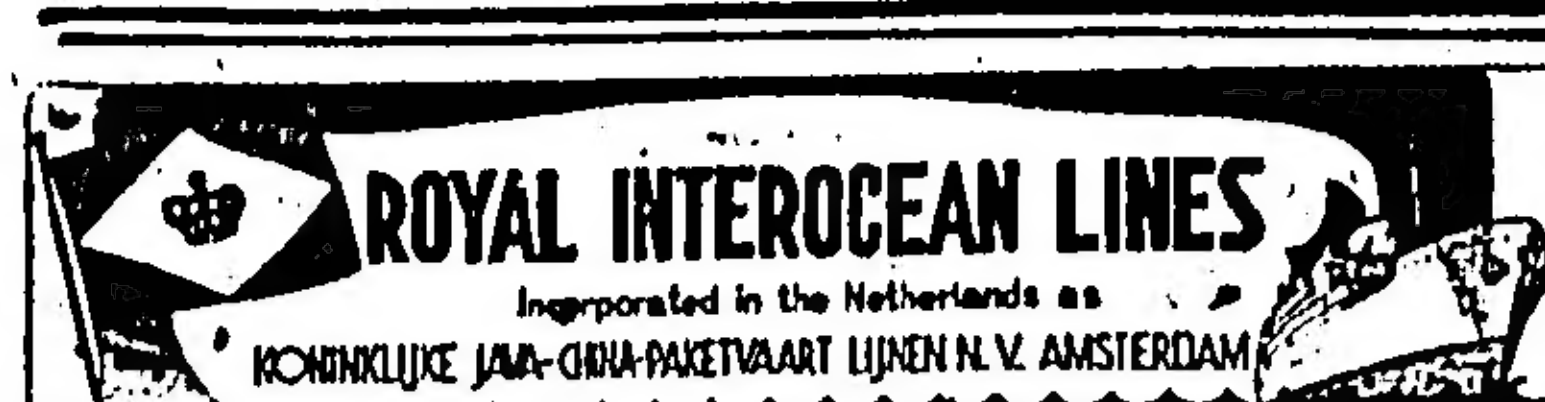


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SET UP JOINT STAFF

Paris, Apr. 17.

The five nations who signed the Brussels defence pact today established a Western Europe consultative staff which will meet for the first time in London on April 24.

In a communique, the French Foreign Office said the Foreign Ministers (or their representatives) of the five countries, meeting today at the Quai d'Orsay, had established a permanent consultative council which will meet once every three months.

Meetings will be held in the capitals of the five countries in succession, starting with London.

The permanent organization of the consultative council will be composed of the Benelux countries' representatives, the French Ambassador in London, and a

British Government official still unnamed. This body, aided by the Secretariat, will meet at least every three months.

A communique from the French Foreign Office said:

Security Problems

"Security problems foreseen by the Brussels pact will come under the normal competence of the respective Ministers of the different countries, who will meet at London to discuss them every time that will be necessary."

"In order to follow and study those same questions, a permanent military council will be set up in London under the authority of the consultative council and under the immediate control of political representatives who compose the permanent organization."

The consultative council will be made up of the five Foreign Ministers, it was explained.

The communique concluded: "Social, economic and cultural questions will be discussed at periodic reunions in a place to be named by the Ministers or their experts. The consultative council may decree the establishment of special subcommittees to study problems under those headings."—United Press.

Socialists Confer

Paris, Apr. 17. Socialist Parliamentarians of France, Britain, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Italy, Austria and Germany discussed problems of European unity in a private meeting today in the Paris Parliament building.

The discussions were in preparation for the Socialist Conference to be held shortly at The Hague.

They will hold another meeting tomorrow morning at Melun, at the close of which the veteran French Socialist ex-Premier, M. Leon Blum, will make a speech.—Reuter.

Bizonia

Paris, Apr. 17. The Communist evening newspaper, "Ce Soir," asserted today that the British and French Foreign Ministers, Mr. Ernest Bevin and M. Georges Bidault, at their meetings today would "definitely clear up the position of the fusion of the French Zone with the Bizonia as the first step towards the formation of a Western German State."

The paper alleged that Mr. Bevin and M. Bidault had already discussed the extension of the Brussels Western Union Pact to Turkey and the Arab States.—Reuter.

Monty: 'We Must
Remain Prepared'

Manchester, Apr. 17.

Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery declared here today when taking part as a Freeman of the city in the East Lancashire territorial forces week: "It is not easy to say what would be the outcome of the political and ideological strife we see going on."

"One thing, however, is quite clear. We must remain prepared—never again must we allow ourselves to fall into the mistake we made before the war, when we permitted our forces to dwindle away."

That was why the Government had decided that national service must continue in times of peace. Viscount Montgomery said that an entirely voluntary territorial army could not hope to carry out efficiently all the many tasks that

would fall to it and the highest possible degree of regular assistance was going to be given to ensure that the training of the territorial army was well organized and thorough.

National servicemen would provide a good bulk of trained and disciplined men, but in addition it would be essential to have a good element of enthusiastic volunteers and to supply leaders and instructors, all of whom could not be found from a small regular army.—Reuter.

Unnecessary

Berlin, Apr. 17. Major General Hays, the United States Deputy Military Governor in Germany, today rejected an application made by the Soviet-sponsored People's Congress to hold a plebiscite in the American Zone of Germany, on "German unity."

"No plebiscite on German unity is necessary," General Hays said. "Everyone recognizes the present desire of all Germans for unity, but I am sure the German people do not want the kind of unity that will bring economic and political slavery."—Reuter.

Pickets
Clash With
Police

Singapore, Apr. 17.

Strike pickets today clashed here with the water-front police, who made several arrests after 6,000 harbour workers had downed tools.

The men struck after giving an ultimatum for better pay and working conditions, to which the Harbour Board had sent a reply, denounced by the union leader as unsatisfactory.

Chinese labourers later reported for duty in defiance of their union, but Indians, Javanese and Malays, representing about half the Harbour Board's labour force, stayed out.

The police raided the offices of the Harbour Labourers' Union for the second time just before the ultimatum expired and removed a number of documents.

Union representatives alleged that the documents were taken away to hamper the forthcoming meeting of the Pan-Malayan Federation of Trade Unions and in an effort to suppress trade unionism in Malaya.

All workers at the Straits Trading Company's shelter on Pulau Brani Island off Singapore struck when the company ordered some of their comrades, who had been on strike since Wednesday, to return to work or be dismissed.

The men demanded higher wages and rice rations, and improved medical services.—Reuter.

The second of the new series of fortnightly lectures under the auspices of the St. Thomas More Association will be given at the Catholic Club, King's Building, at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, by Rev. Father J. McCarthy, S. J. The subject will be "The English Martyrs." The lecture will be open to the general public.

French Air
Fields For
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London, Apr. 17.

Air Ministry officials today confirmed French press reports that British military planes are to be granted facilities on French airfields under an agreement to be signed in Paris on Monday, by Marshal of the Royal Air Forces Lord Tedder.

Describing the agreement as "purely routine," a spokesman of the Ministry told Reuter that it would "regularise what has been common practice between the two countries since the end of the war."

He said the agreement would affect chiefly Middle East trunk routes and would also provide for French military planes to be serviced on British airfields, such as Gibraltar and Castel Benito, in Tripolitania.

The agreement would be "technical rather than political" and had no apparent connection with the international situation or the recently signed Five-Power Western European Pact.

The spokesman would not comment on other French reports that Lord Tedder would discuss with the French General Staff the possibility of supplying France with Allied war material, including jet-propelled aircraft.—Reuter.

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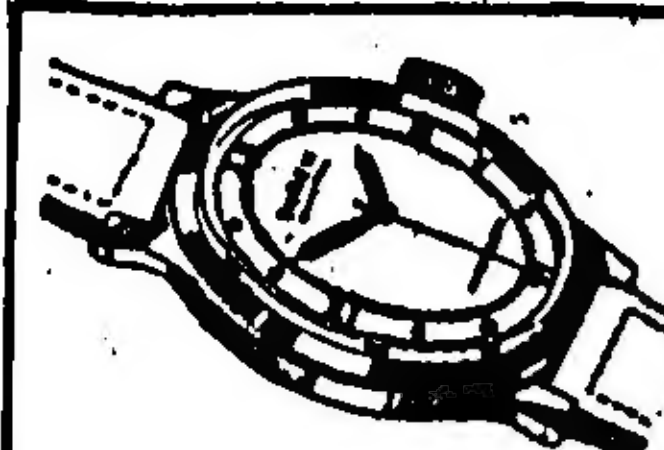
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Indians Triumph Win International Shield Final

(By "GRANDSTAND")

The Portuguese were again disappointed in their quest for International honours when Senior Markor's Indian side hung their sign on the Lusitanians again by vanquishing their foes 9-3 in the International Series play-off for the Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels' Ltd. Shield. In the Ladies International elimination heats China nosed out Great Britain 8-7, while the Midget Exhibition held at the Recreio Soft-ball Diamond as a prelude to the big game resulted in a victory for the junior Saints over the Black Bucks.

Sherry Bucks, who pitched the Indians to victory, limited the Portuguese to five safeties while his mates produced the runs. The Indians fully deserved their win in spite of the fact that they started out as the under-dogs, by out-classing their opponents in both fielding and batting departments—the Indians connected for six blows to the Portuguese five, while the Lusitanians also misused five times compared to the Indian's two bobbles, both in the outfield. Both hurlers, however, were erratic, Bucks walking seven while Franco passed six to first base, with the former whiffing two and the latter fanning one only.

Lost The Toss

The Indians lost the toss and commenced batting but disappointed fans as Benny Omar tied out and Junior Markor stood still on the third strike. Salu Sunny worked Franco for a pass but was nabbed in an attempt to lead second. In the Portuguese half, minter Tony Alves ordered lead-off batsman Art Ozorio to

work Franco for a walk, but after he had the long count chalked up on him, he lifted a fly to short-stop Capone Rumjahn. Two walks and Dicky Alves' double loaded the sacks for Portugal with only one away, and a score seemed imminent, but the impending threat was snuffed as Indian left gardener Jindoo Hussain ran a country block to pick Ren Sequela's Texas leaguer off the grass-top and rifled the apple to key-stoner Sheridan Hamet who caught Dick Alves off base.

Sparked by the brilliant effort, the Indians in the next chapter produced a landslide inning in which they slapped Joey Franco for three safeties and worked him for two passes to first. By the time every one had batted a neat five showed up in the score column. Blanking the Lusitanians in their half, the Indians went on to add a further two tallies, as Capone Rumjahn's single drove in Jindoo Hussain and Sherry Bucks. The Portuguese came to within scoring distance again in the fourth after Ren Sequela was given a life on a muffed fly ball to centre and Billy Soares walked to first base, but Spiky Gutierrez failed to come through with a safety.

Added Another

After India added one more in the fifth, the Portuguese side emerged from their lethargic sleep. Art Ozorio worked for a walk, which was successful, then swiped second and third in succession, and after Wilfred Lawrence in the batter's box had loaded hurler Sherry Bucks into an ill-fated pitch, Ozorio treated him with the first Portuguese run. Dicky Alves' successful hand advanced Lawrence to third, while an international pass choked the bases once more for Portugal. Ren Sequela gave Sherry Bucks the jitters and Bucks failed to find the plate in four successive pitches and the walk forced Lawrence home with another tally. With bases still loaded and only one away, minter Tony Alves signalled Gerry Roza-Perera to pinch-hit for Charlie Quinn, but Gerry's swatting dreams of being the hero of the day crashed as he popped one up to the right of pitcher Sherry Bucks which was held by a shoe-string catch. For the second time in this tussle, Dicky Alves was off with the hit and was tagged off base for another brilliant Indian double-play.

Portugal settled down to tight playing in the final two chapters and held the Indians scoreless, but was only able to add another counter as Art Ozorio, pinch-running for Gerry Gosano dented the rubber when right-felder Khan muffed Ren Sequela's towering fly. Indian right-felder Kenneth Khan atoned for his bobble by polling out two hits in four trips to the plate, while Dicky Alves who was the goat in both Indian twin-kills smashed out a double and a single for his side to make up for his lapses on the base-path. Dicky's two-bagger was the longest clout of the two-hour battle, and Jindoo Hussain just missed an extra base clout when he lifted a cloud-bomber which fell foul along the left field line by not more than a foot.

Ladies Loop

In the Ladies loop, the Canuckettes conceded a walk-off to the now "China Mail Shield" holders, the pennant winning Wahooks. The same gang, however, trekked out to the C.B.A. lot in the afternoon and took the Great Britain ladies 8-7 to win the final, as the ladies next week when they will cross bats with Las Portuguesas. Most of the Junior Loop games were forfeited, but the Braves mopped up the Dares-doubled with a 14-5 victory after Billy Soares had thrown all his reserves into the fray. Team managers who have been requested to send in a group picture of their team are reminded that those must be handed to the Hon. Secretary before 4 p.m. today for inclusion in the Souvenir. Annual, now being prepared.

HOME SOCCER LEAGUE TABLES

FIRST DIVISION										
Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Goal Difference	Goal Average	Goal Per Game
Arsenal	22	11	6	5	33	25	28	+8	1.5	1.3
Manchester U.	22	10	8	4	30	28	28	+2	1.4	1.3
Burnley	22	10	8	4	30	28	28	+2	1.4	1.3
Weston	22	10	8	4	30	28	28	+2	1.4	1.3
Wolves	22	10	8	4	30	28	28	+2	1.4	1.3
Derby	22	10	8	4	30	28	28	+2	1.4	1.3
Villa	22	10	8	4	30	28	28	+2	1.4	1.3
Portsmouth	22	10	8	4	30	28	28	+2	1.4	1.3
Manchester C.	22	10	8	4	30	28	28	+2	1.4	1.3
Blackpool	22	10	8	4	30	28	28	+2	1.4	1.3
Sheff. U.	22	10	8	4	30	28	28	+2	1.4	1.3
Middlesbrough	22	10	8	4	30	28	28	+2	1.4	1.3
Liverpool	22	10	8	4	30	28	28	+2	1.4	1.3
Everton	22	10	8	4	30	28	28	+2	1.4	1.3
Chelsea	22	10	8	4	30	28	28	+2	1.4	1.3
Bolton	22	10	8	4	30	28	28	+2	1.4	1.3
Huddersfield	22	10	8	4	30	28	28	+2	1.4	1.3
Sheff. W.	22	10	8	4	30	28	28	+2	1.4	1.3
Stoke	22	10	8	4	30	28	28	+2	1.4	1.3
Charlton	22	10	8	4	30	28	28	+2	1.4	1.3
Sunderland	22	10	8	4	30	28	28	+2	1.4	1.3
Blackburn	22	10	8	4	30	28	28	+2	1.4	1.3
Grimsby	22	10	8	4	30	28	28	+2	1.4	1.3

Spectacular Bids For U.S. Olympic Team

Lawrence, Kansas, Apr. 17. Charles Fonville, Michigan's amazing shot putter, and hurdler Harrison Dillard, of Baldwin Wallace College, made spectacular bids for the U.S. Olympic team with world record bettering performances in the 23rd Kansas relays today.

Fonville put the 16-lb. iron weight 58 feet 1/4 inches to top the recognised world's standard of 57 feet one inch set by the former Louisiana State University giant, Jack Torrance, at Oslo, Norway, in 1934. Dillard won his 52nd competitive race as he skimmied the 120 yard hurdles in 15.8 seconds, a full second under the world and intercollegiate mark established by Forrest Towns in 1936 and equalled by Fred Wolcott of Rice Institute in 1941.

RUGBY RESULTS										
Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Goal Difference	Goal Average	Goal Per Game
Harlequins	10	5	1	4	30	25	11	+5	1.5	1.3
Bristol	10	5	1	4	30	25	11	+5	1.5	1.3
London Welsh	10	5	1	4	30	25	11	+5	1.5	1.3
Bedford	10	5	1	4	30	25	11	+5	1.5	1.3
Cheltenham	10	5	1	4	30	25	11	+5	1.5	1.3
Doncaster	10	5	1	4	30	25	11	+5	1.5	1.3
Gloucester	10	5	1	4	30	25	11	+5	1.5	1.3
Leicester	10	5	1	4	30	25	11	+5	1.5	1.3
Northampton	10	5	1	4	30	25	11	+5	1.5	1.3
Swansea	10	5	1	4	30	25	11	+5	1.5	1.3
Waterloo	10	5	1	4	30	25	11	+5	1.5	1.3

League Results										
Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Goal Difference	Goal Average	Goal Per Game
Barrow	21	10	1	10	30	25	21	+5	1.5	1.3
Barnsley	21	10	1	10	30	25	21	+5	1.5	1.3
Bradford N.	21	10	1	10	30	25	21	+5	1.5	1.3
Bradford T.	21	10	1	10	30	25	21	+5	1.5	1.3
Cardiff	21	10	1	10	30	25	21	+5	1.5	1.3
Featherstone	21	10	1	10	30	25	21	+5	1.5	1.3
Rovers	21	10	1	10	30	25	21	+5	1.5	1.3
Hull	21	10	1	10	30	25	21	+5	1.5	1.3
Rochdale	21	10	1	10	30	25	21	+5	1.5	1.3
Hornets	21	10	1	10	30	25	21	+5	1.5	1.3
Saint Helens	21	10	1	10	30	25	21	+5	1.5	1.3
Swinton	21	10	1	10	30	25	21	+5	1.5	1.3
Warrington	21	10	1	10	30	25	21	+5	1.5	1.3
Wigan	21	10	1	10	30	25	21	+5	1.5	1.3

LOUIS IN TRAINING
New York, Apr. 17. Joe Louis has gone into training on a farm near Bloomingburg, Michigan, for the defence of his world heavyweight championship on June 23. His challenger, Jersey Joe Walcott, started training at Greenvale, New York, on May 18 and commenced sparring and serious preparations. Associated Press.

BASEBALL LEAGUE PENNANTS
St. Louis, Apr. 17. Odds-man James J. Carroll today rated the Yankees as Red Sox co-favorites at 5-2 to win the American League pennant. The Cardinals were favoured at 5-3 to win the National League pennant. Associated Press.

KIT CHEE BEATEN 8-0 IN POOR GAME

Rise For Newcastle Likely

Newcastle, who superseded Arsenal as the "Bank of England" team because of the large amount of money spent in transfer fees, virtually assured themselves of promotion to the first division by defeating Sheffield Wednesday, Newcastle are four points ahead of Wednesday with a far better goal average and only two games left.

Arsenal, playing their first game since assuming themselves of the Football League championship, lost to a strong Derby County side. It was Derby who ended Arsenal's early season run of 17 games without defeat. At the bottom of the table, Blackburn although drawing away, seem certain to be relegated with Grimsby. They will replace in the second division Millwall and Doncaster, who will be relegated to the third division, Southern and Northern respectively.

In Scotland, a capacity crowd of 134,000 saw Morton, who are in the bottom half of the Scottish "A" division, hold the Glasgow Rangers to a one-goal draw after extra time. Both goals were scored in the first half. A record crowd of 59,000 saw Leytonstone retain the Amateur Cup by defeating Barnet, winners in 1940, by a goal in the 24th minute of the second half. —Reuter.

RECORD MEMORIAL DAY ENTRIES

Indianapolis, Apr. 17. Entries in the 32nd annual 500-mile Memorial Day speedway race broke all records today as the list of cars climbed to 80.

Speedway officials said that 13 additional eliminations postmarked before Thursday night's deadline showed a total well past the 72-car record set back in 1931. One of the late entries was the only application by a foreign driver. A Russian pilot and one of Europe's best drivers filed for the race although specifications of his car have not been received. The track President, Wilbur Shaw, said the deadline would not be extended. Last year entries were taken up to the eve of the marathon because of a boycott by the driver and car owner members of the American Society of Professional Racing. Shaw said that qualifying speeds probably would have to be faster than ever this year. "The boys will have to hit 123 miles per hour or better," United Press.

Colour Line In US Bowls

Detroit, Apr. 17. Delegates to the annual meeting of the American Bowling Congress today retained the clause which prohibits Oriental Negroes and other non-Caucasians from competition. For the third straight year, delegates representing 1,500,000 bowlers rejected an amendment which would have eliminated the "Caucasian race only" clause. The controversial amendment was defeated despite a plea by the Rev. Charles Carow of the Brooklyn Catholic Youth Organization. Walter Reuther, President of the CIO United Automobile Workers, previously informed the ABC Executive Committee that if the amendment was defeated again his union would found an international bowling congress open to all races, in opposition to the ABC. —United Press.

TENNIS

The following are today's Tennis Championship fixtures: CLUB COMPETITION. J. C. L. Pearce & J. D. Clague v. J. C. Wilson & T. J. Gould. Cmdr. E. H. Allen & Cdr. A. M. Ackery v. H. V. Ardy & G. S. Coxhead. OPEN DOUBLES. Dr. A. M. Rodriguez & H. A. Noronha v. Lee Chun-Kit & Y. Y. Lam. K. L. & T. L. v. J. B. Gossalve & W. A. Reed. T. H. Yung-pui & T. H. Wai-pui v. H. D. Rumbach & S. A. Rumbach. (Stand Court). —Reuter.

Bailey Not Absolutely Fit

London, Apr. 17. MacDonald Bailey, Jamaican sprinter and British hope for the Olympic Games, who has been suffering from hip trouble today, saw Sir Adolphe Abrahams, the specialist, who expressed the opinion that Bailey would not be exactly 100 per cent fit for the Olympics. Bailey stated afterwards: "I am optimistic. I am not willing to give up track racing until every conceivable thing has been done to get me absolutely fit." —Reuter.

Hong Kong Swimmers Backed

Singapore has been picked as the likely winners of the field and track championships and Hong Kong the swimming crown by local sports experts here today as the Chinese athletic delegations begin arriving for the national athletic meet, and the Olympic trials to be held here next month. While Canton is tipped for the volleyball title, the soccer and basketball tournaments are expected to produce close exciting struggles. Basketball is likely to produce a close race between Shanghai, Manila, Singapore, and possibly San Francisco and Canada, while in soccer there are at least five evenly matched teams. For the soccer tournament, Tsing Peh, joint holders of the Shanghai championship, will represent the Chinese Army, while the majority of the Hong Kong Chinese "cracks" will donning police colours. —Reuter.

Rest Forge Ahead

Five minutes after the resumption, Rest went further ahead when Lee Tai-fai again broke through and scored. A penalty was awarded against Lee Cheu when Forrow was brought down in the penalty area. The spot kick was taken by Forrow. He shot straight at Chu who had no difficulty in saving. Many scoring opportunities were wasted by the Rest forwards, but from a pass by Sewell, Klerman managed to beat Chu and give Rest their fourth goal. Except for spasmodic attempts to break through the Rest defence, Kit Chee were for most of the time kept penned in their own half of the field. Before time, further goals were scored for Rest by Sewell (2), Klerman (1) and Chu (1).

Readers Letters

(Continued from Page 3) "parallel," my Euclid tells me that lines which are parallel will never meet when produced at either end, and I can see that the two pieces of pasteboards making the covers of my Odhams are parallel but on two quite different planes. Even if assuming that "similar" and "parallel" could be twisted to mean "equal to" or "the same as," the whole thing is only a "reasonable expectation" which is but euphemistic official parlance for "wishful thinking" or for the expressive Chinese slang "mg sol lei". (3) "The scale recommended for Government teachers have not yet been accepted by the Secretary of State; therefore Government teachers have not been paid; and no final decision has yet been reached in regard to Government teachers." What lovely red herrings! Are we demanding that our salaries be approved before the Government teachers?—or are we clamouring that we be paid before teachers in the Government service? Heaven forbid! 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